

**REGULATION TRACKING
MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT
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COMAR	TITLE	PURPOSE	AELR DATE	DATE OF 1 ST PRINTING IN MD REG	DATE OF FINAL PRINT IN MD. REG.	APPROVED (10 DAYS AFTER FINAL)
10.09.08; .77	Freestanding Clinics and Urgent Care Centers	The purpose of this proposal is to update outdated information in section .04 for Freestanding Clinics and sections .04 and .06 for Urgent Care Centers.	10/20/16			
10.09.80	Community-based SUD Services	The purpose of this proposal is to change methadone reimbursement to better align service delivery with payment. This proposal adds the ability for Opioid Treatment Programs to be reimbursed separately for services, including an induction service of the selected medication (methadone or buprenorphine), periodic medication management visits, and guest dosing services. An additional purpose of this proposal is to update regulations to allow Certified or Licensed Addictions Programs (Provider Type 50s) who employ a DATA 2000 Waiver Physician to be reimbursed for periodic medication management visits and the cost of buprenorphine itself through their Certified Addictions Program.	10/21/16			
10.09.23; .65; .67	MCOs	The purposes of this proposal are to: (1) Increase the minimum score requirement on Healthy Kids Program quality assurance reviews from 70 to 80 percent; (2) Remove the requirement that an MCO be statewide in order to receive a portion of any outstanding funds after the initial rural access incentive is paid; (3) Clarify that MCOs must provide the services covered under the State Plan; and (4) Increase from 30 to 90 the number of days an MCO is responsible for long term care admissions.	10/17/16	11/28/16 Ant.		
10.09.60	Senior Prescription Drug Treatment Program	This purpose of this proposal is to update language to reflect changes to the administration of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program, in compliance with House Bill 489.	10/6/16	11/28/16 Ant.		
10.09.20	Community Personal Assistance Services	The purpose of this proposal is to establish that rates are in accordance with the Department's fee schedule. Indexing of rates is modified in order to be consistent among home and community-based services programs and to ensure that the amount of the applicable index will be known during the time that the annual budget is developed. In addition, unnecessary definitions are being deleted.	9/21/16	11/14/16 Ant.		

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10.09.54	Home and Community-Based Options Waiver	The purpose of this proposal modify indexing of rates in order to be consistent among home and community-based services programs and to ensure that the amount of the applicable index will be known during the time that the annual budget is developed. In addition, unnecessary definitions are being deleted.	9/26/16	11/14/16 Ant.		
10.09.84	Community First Choice	The purpose of this proposal is to establish that rates are in accordance with the Department's fee schedule. Indexing of rates is modified in order to be consistent among home and community-based services programs and to ensure that the amount of the applicable index will be known during the time that the annual budget is developed. In addition, unnecessary definitions are being deleted.	9/21/16	11/14/16 Ant.		
10.09.65; .66; .67	Managed Care Program: MCOs, Access, and Benefits	The purposes of this proposal are to: (1) Include sexual orientation and gender as basis for non-discrimination; (2) Add section 1157 of the Affordable Care Act to the list of provisions that MCOs must comply with; (3) Remove the requirement that a full SPR review must be conducted annually; (4) Replace the current asthma HEDIS measure with asthma medication ratio effective January 1, 2017; (5) Include texts and emails as prohibited cold call marketing activities; and (6) Clarify that medically necessary podiatry services are covered for all members.	7/19/16	9/2/16	10/28/16 Ant.	11/7/16 Ant.
10.09.33; .80; .89	Behavior Health Rates Increases	The Fiscal Year 2017 State budget, approved under Senate Bill 190 and assigned Chapter 143 in the 2016 Laws of Maryland Volume V, includes a 2 percent rate increase for community behavioral health providers, in accordance with Article III, §52(6) of the Maryland Constitution, April 12, 2016. Effective July 1, 2016, this includes Maryland Chronic Health Homes' fee schedule. The purpose of this proposal is to update the listed rates to the 2 percent increased rate.	7/13/16	8/19/16	10/14/16 Ant.	10/24/16 Ant.
10.09.10	Nursing Facility Services	(1) To clarify language related to the cost reports used when setting capital costs and nursing services cost indexing; (2) To extend the interim working capital fund; (3) To change the source of acuity for the pay-for-performance program; (4) To correct certain citations; (5) To modify the factors used to calculate the amount of an indemnity	7/19/16	9/2/16		

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		bond or standby letter of credit; and (6) To establish the budget adjustment factor in order to provide a rate increase of 2 percent in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2017 budget.				
10.09.53.07	EPSDT: Nursing Services for Individuals Younger than 21 Years Old	The purpose of this proposal is to modify the indexing of rates in order to ensure that the amount of the applicable index will be known during the time that the annual budget is developed. Language is also proposed to align with federal policy allowing Medicaid payment for services provided free of charge to other patients.	7/5/16	8/19/16	10/14/16 Ant.	10/24/16 Ant.
10.09.49.01-.08, .10-.12	Telehealth	The purpose of this proposal is to clarify the regulation process and clean up other areas of confusion within Telehealth. Additionally, to permit providers who are fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) to engage in telehealth directly with a deaf or hard of hearing recipient from the recipient's home or other secure agreed upon location in an effort to increase access for deaf or hard of hearing recipients.	7/7/16	8/19/16	10/14/16 Ant.	10/24/16 Ant.
10.09.28	Applied Behavior Analysis Services	The purpose of this proposal is to adopt new Regulations for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services provided to Medicaid children younger than 21 years old with diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as required by federal rule.	6/21/16	8/5/16	10/28/16 Ant.	11/7/16 Ant.